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**Excise Officers Arrest 187 at Indiana University's Little 500**

**Bloomington, Ind. (April 27<sup>th</sup>)** – Indiana State Excise Police Officers arrested 187 people on 240 charges this week while conducting enforcement details during Indiana University's annual Little 500 event.

Officers arrested 155 individuals for Illegal Possession or Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage and 17 for Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor. Most who were arrested on alcoholic beverage related charges were issued a summons and release at that time. They were required to appear in a Monroe County court at 8:30 this morning.

Other charges of those arrested included Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and various traffic related offenses.

Joshua Kenney, 20, of Moresville, was arrested late Saturday night on the preliminary charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, and Minor Consumption of an Alcoholic Beverage.

Mr. Kenney drew the attention of plainclothes Excise Officers while he was walking on North Lincoln Street near the area of East 20<sup>th</sup> Street allegedly yelling that he had "Vicodin and Xanax" for sale. Mr. Kenney allegedly walked up to and tapped one of the Excise officers on the arm asking if they would like to purchase "some pills".

The plainclothes Indiana State Excise Police officers identified themselves to Mr. Kenney and asked for his identification. Mr. Kenney then pulled out his wallet from his pants pocket. Allegedly along with the wallet, a clear plastic bag that was later found to contain marijuana was exposed to the officers. The subsequent investigation resulted in officers allegedly locating nine Hydrocodone pills in the pockets of Mr. Kenney's pants. He was found to not a prescription for the medication. Mr. Kenney was arrested at this time and booked into the Monroe County Jail.

A traffic stop led to the arrest of an Avon man early Saturday morning. Alexander Thomas, 28, was jailed on an outstanding warrant for Domestic Battery in the Presence of a Child that was issued out of Vigo County. Mr. Thomas was also preliminarily charged with Driving While Suspended with a Prior Conviction.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

*All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*